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Those Who Passed.

The following is the list of eighth grade pupils who passed the common school examination. There were 102 applicants but only 44 succeeded in making the required average of 80 per cent. Several colleges have offered a year's scholarship to the one making the highest grade, a half year's scholarship to the one ranking second, and one term, ten weeks tuition, for the one ranking third.

Lula Grossardt of district 75 ranks highest, with an average of 94. Tom Spring, of Ellinwood ranks second with an average of 90. Karl Schmidt, also of Ellinwood, takes third rank with an average of 89.

PUPILS	DIST.	PUPILS	DIST.
Lula Grossardt	75	Tom Spring	2
Karl Schmidt	2	Esther Degen	29
Austin Lowry	72	Wilbur Ames	13
Carter Putnam	29	Myrtle Holler	29
Etta Whitman	28	Gert'd Grizzell	23
Clara Wolf	47	Frankie Hall	29
Nellie Langford	70	Arthur Wingert	29
Alberta Brining	4	Edwin Petz	2
Blich Hammond	14	Luvilla Downey	1
Lilian Troillet	1	Pauline Brewer	23
Herman Praeger	23	Mae Tullis	59
Maude Goodwin	29	W. Cornelius	29
Ceola Smith	12	Bulah DuMont	1
Fred Kienzle	2	C. Grizzell	23
Minnie Jones	29	Anna Wood	14
Sara Hammond	14	Alma Steuri	14
Charles Archer	44	J. McCaffrey	11
Perley Boshell	28	Edna Miller	28
W. Hartshorn	4	M. Komarek	3
Allie Connor	56	Iola Morgan	37
Chas. Gleadall	29	Angie Nimocks	29
C. Elmore	39	Flo. Wildgen	29

The commencement exercises will be held in Great Bend on Monday evening, June 15th. Prof. E. B. Smith of Nickerson will deliver the class address.

Graduating Class.

The Commencement exercises of the Great Bend high school will be held at the opera house this Friday evening, the 22nd. Hon. Frank Nelson, of Lindsborg, Ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the class address. The graduates are as follows:

LATIN COURSE.

Chauncey Butler, Mary Isabel Randall, Earl C. Moses, Florence Belle Castle, Rosamond Margaret Osmond, Loida K. Moore, Blanche May Thatcher and Harriet Maude Luse.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Bessie L. Stoke, Florence Margaret Zutavern, Pearl Anna Whitcombe and May Pearl Swift.

Herbert Clayton will be here today, from Topeka, to attend the high school graduating exercises.

J. F. Strothman, manager of the Logan township creamery, was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Sellers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Collins, arrived this week from Liberty, Illinois, on a visit to her parents.

G. W. Koontz, of this city, went to Hodgeman county Thursday on receipt of a telegram announcing the sudden death of a nephew. The young man was about 17 years old, and a son of L. C. Koontz of Jetmore.

Elmer Hays Rulison of Valley Falls, Kans., and Miss Gertie May Powell of this city, daughter of A. L. Powell, were married at the home of the brides parents on Wednesday the 20th. They left on the same evening for their future home in Valley Falls, where Mr. Rulison is in business. The Democrat extends hearty congratulations to the happy young couple.

Herbert Hopkins, a nephew of Mrs. C. L. Worman of this city, was here on a visit Thursday. Mr. Hopkins is with Am. Beet Sugar Co., at Amity, Colo., and for the past month has been down in Lyon county superintending the planting and cultivation of sugar beets there, for the Emporia Commercial Club, with a view to establishing a sugar factory.

Mrs. Clara E. Smith, Dead.

Word was received in Great Bend, Tuesday announcing the death, at her home in Leoti, Kansas, of Mrs. Clara E. Smith, aged 42, oldest daughter of James Kepple of this city. Mrs. Smith had not been ill, and her sudden death was a severe blow to her brother, F. H., and sister Miss Bessie Kepple. Deceased leaves a husband and three children. Her father was at Leoti at the time of her death, and the rest of the family went up Wednesday evening. The interment occurred Thursday, May 21st, at 2 p. m., in Harwood cemetery, Leoti.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Pursuant to adjournment of April 23, 1903, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, convened at 9 o'clock a. m. May 14, 1903, at the office of the County Clerk of said county.

S. S. Shattuck, T. C. Brown and W. B. Pickrell, commissioners, and F. M. Lutschg, County Clerk, were in attendance.

Commissioner Shattuck, chairman, presided.

The Board made contract with Inter-State Bridge Co. of Kansas City, Missouri, for the erection of a 40 foot steel bridge across Blood Creek on section line between sections 13 and 24, Grant township, for \$415.

The Board had adjourned to this date to set the stakes for the jail building, but the old barn not being fully cleared away this matter was deferred to May 16.

The Board thereupon viewed five of the L. K. N. R. & I. Co's. bridges and found three of them substantially and satisfactorily constructed.

Returning from viewing bridges the Board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. May 15, 1903.

May 15, 1903, 2 o'clock p. m. Board met pursuant to adjournment of the previous day. All members of the Board were present.

The Ellinwood bridge was viewed by the Board during the fore part of the day.

The resignation of Edwin Haas, County Physician for 1st district was accepted and A. R. Haas, M. D. of Ellinwood was appointed to fill the vacancy, the same terms of employment holding.

Bond of First National Bank as depository for county funds was approved.

The back taxes from 1887 to 1901 inclusive on lot 6 and from 1888 to 1901 inclusive on lot 4 all in block 44 Great Bend city compromised. Lot 4 at \$8 and lot 6 for \$12 and ordered assigned to James W. Thomas upon payment of those sums.

Lot 4 block 27 College Grove Addition, the back taxes thereon from 1890 to 1901 inclusive, compromised for \$2 and assigned to A. L. DeLaVergne.

In the matter of the petition of J. B. Morgan and others for the vacation of the public road commencing at the N.E. corner of section 13-17-14 and running south one mile the Board deemed it inexpedient to close a part of township line road and so rejected the prayer of the petitioners and ordered that any and all obstructions be removed from said road.

Board adjourned to May 16, 1903. County Clerk's Office, May 16, 1903.

Four of Commissioners convened in pursuance to adjournment, all members of Board were in attendance.

The Board with the County Surveyor, and architect, J. C. Holland set the stakes for the limits of the new county jail building and determined the grade line.

Chas. Beye and W. B. King were designated to help destroy the 1901 ballots.

Board adjourned to May 29, 1903. F. M. LUTSCHG, Co. Clerk.

Death of Mrs. Barbara Schaefer.

At 9:15 Saturday morning May 16th, 1903, Mrs. Barbara Schaefer, aged 64 years and 4 months, wife of John Schaefer Sr., passed from earthly suffering to the long sought rest, at her home in this city.

Mrs. Schaefer has been confined to her home with dropsy for many long months, and her death was looked for at any time that the disease reached her heart. She has borne her sufferings with firm fortitude and was prepared to meet the Great Judge of all.

With her husband and children she came to this country from Chicago in 1876, locating on a claim south of the Arkansas, in Stafford county. During the 90's the family removed to Great Bend, and have lived here ever since. A husband and three children—Mrs. Frank Dell, Ex-Marshall Joe Schaefer, and John Schaefer Jr.—survive her.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m., Sunday the 17th, and the remains interred in the Great Bend cemetery.

Grandma Schaefer's kind hand and motherly smiles will be greatly missed by many warm friends in this community.

Ex-Sheriff Frank Wilson this week received a letter from W. W. Carney, written at Tombstone, Arizona. Mr. Carney writes that he went out there for the benefit of his daughter's health, and may make his home there permanently. He has charge of a large cattle and horse ranch, near Tombstone. Some idea of the size of the ranch can be gained from the statement that they will brand 5,000 head of Hereford calves at the coming round-up.

Frank Hoisington, long a printer in this city, has gone to Leoti to assist his brother, Roy, on the Leoti Standard.

From 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., Sundays, the telephone exchange people are supposed to be at church—doing penance, probably, for the sins of those who cuss during those hours because they cannot use the phones.

Wednesday night there was some hail in this locality—south, east and west of town—but none heavy enough to do any damage so far as we can learn.

The head gates of the Lake Koen ditch have been plugged up for the summer, and dykes built to prevent overflow from the river at that point.

The Epperson Military Band of this city kindly assisted the high school students by furnishing most excellent music at the opera house, Friday night. The band boys certainly have the hearty thanks of the students and faculty.

Miss Mae Jones, of Hoisington, who successfully conducted a department in the Clafin schools the past year, has been visiting with the family of D. C. Luse in Great Bend the past week. Miss Jones is an applicant for a position in the Great Bend city schools.

W. P. Deal, who lives in Liberty township, south side, was up north near Dubuque, Wednesday of this week, and got back Thursday with one of his ears shorter than it really ought to be. He was bringing home a horse that he had purchased. It being strange to the other horses, they, or at least one of them, kept biting at the new animal, and while Mr. Deal was untieing preparatory to starting on home the mare which had been scrapping with the new horse made a vicious bite; but instead of the horse she caught Mr. Deal's right ear and nipped about half of it off as clean as a surgeon could have done it.

"Officially" Surprised.

That is what happened to Probate Judge W. P. Feder, junior member of the firm which is responsible for any sins of omission or commission which this publication may perpetrate. It happened on the evening of Thursday, May 14th.

Mrs. Feder, assisted by some of the ladies of the court house, manipulated the red tape, and when the Judge went home a little late for supper he found the house full of public servants and good things to eat, and the atmosphere charged with such a vigorous element of joviality and good feeling that it took until midnight to work it off. The following officers and friends were present as guests:

County Commissioners S. S. Shattuck, T. C. Brown and W. B. Pickrell; County Attorney, Jas. W. Clarke; Sheriff, Dick Johnson; County Clerk, F. M. Lutschg; Deputy Clerk, Henry Lutschg; Treasurer, E. E. Epperson; Deputy Treasurer, Maude Beardsley; Register, Flora A. Smith; Surveyor, Sid Newcombe; District Clerk, W. B. Lucas; County Printer, W. E. Stoke; Ex-Mayor, L. P. Aber; Messrs. F. G. Strothman, Chas. E. Dodge, Wall H. Dodge and I. N. Wilhide; and Mesdames Maggie Wilhide and Lizzie Spencer.

After partaking of a most elegant supper, which lasted long enough to satisfy the capacity even of W. B. Lucas, the evening was spent most delightfully in cards, caroms etc.

The Judge was sure surprised good and plenty.

A Successful Play.

That is what can be truthfully said of the performance of "All on Account of the Professor," given by the students of the Great Bend high school, at the opera house last Friday evening. Successful in the manner of production, in the pleasure-giving qualities and in the size of the audience—the opera house was filled to almost its fullest seating capacity.

We believe that Great Bend people enjoyed the evening's entertainment more than anything that has been presented at the opera house for many a year. The work of all the students was good, and the play, specially written for such an occasion, was properly conceived by each performer to the extent that, while some may have been a little better than others in their parts, the difference was so small that all are entitled to equal credit and no especial mention of individuals is necessary.

We believe also, that preparations for the play have in no way interfered with the students during school hours. Professors Baker and Ewing are to be congratulated upon the very creditable manner in which the high school students presented this, their first, effort in the theatrical line.

GOOD LUCK

Some people instead of relying on themselves are relying on good luck. Someone asks, do you believe in good luck? Yes, I believe in good luck. If you have a good father and a good mother that is good luck. If your father and mother whipped you enough when you were young, that is good luck. If your father and mother compelled you to subordinate your lower faculties to your higher nature, that is good luck. If you are not born tired, that is good luck. If you have a good appetite, good digestion, good nerves, a good head, two good hands and two good feet, that is good luck. If you draw people to you by your overflowing kindness, good habits and unbounded love for your fellow man, that is good luck. You never saw those fellows who go down the street with their hats on the side of their heads, their hands in their pockets and their face an interrogation point, have good luck. You never saw those girls who are a giggling nonentity, have good luck. You never saw those men who leisurely stand around on the street corners, sit on old goods boxes peddling the latest stories about people's character, have good luck. You never saw those people who stand around and wait for something to turn up, have good luck. It generally turns down. You never saw those women, who are painted doll babies and gossiping gossamer and who have such a mixture of artificiality it takes a seer to tell where the humbug ends and the women begins, have good luck. You never saw those people who magnify other people's faults with the finest microscope, and look at their own imperfections with a Lick telescope turned upside down, have good luck. Good luck comes to those people who are not waiting for a legacy, who are not expecting a division of their father's estate.

If you are manly, if you cultivate a spirit of independence, if you strive to carve your own fortune, to baptize every dollar you get by the sweat of your brow, good fortune will always attend your efforts.

Believe truth is better than lying. Believe that generosity is better than greediness. Believe that honesty is better than slipperiness. Believe that patience in industry is better than short cuts. Look at the best side of human nature. Have a heart full of sympathy and love for your fellow man. Strive to carry joy with every duty. Look at life cheerfully. Be contented to fill every place in life you occupy so largely that you will have to be shifted like plants in a pot in order to get more room. Don't be ashamed to work. Don't stand around on the ragged edge of beggary with lily white hands. Carry your own bundles. Wheel your own wheelbarrow.

Don't let a day pass by without increasing your store of knowledge. Remember the best books are not bound. There are two-legged books, and four-legged books, and winged books superior to what you find in a library. You can't pay too much for knowledge. Don't be ashamed to say that you don't know about things you ought to know. Pick every lock of knowledge. Pry into all things that belong to you and everybody else in common. Aspire to the company of those who know more than you do. Some people are so vain and self-conceited, it is pretty hard for them to find some one who knows more than they do. Such persons can be found. Seek to learn from everybody and everything. There are three school masters who go with you everywhere: eyes to see, ears to hear and tongue to ask questions.

Embodiment those principles of integrity in every act of your life, young man, young woman, and good luck will attend every effort wherever you may be. If you trust any other kind of luck, it will be a fool's luck, lottery luck, superstition luck.

(Extract of a baccalaureate sermon by Rev. F. P. Jolly of Presbyterian church to High School Graduates of Great Bend, Kans.)

W. H. Kerr will this week move out onto the farm in Beaver township until after harvest.

Polk Cline says when you consult an attorney, get one who by some mistake happens to be a lawyer.

G. W. Asher, residing in Stafford county, has been drawn to serve as a juror at an adjourned term of court.

Joe Schaefer, who has successfully held the position of city Marshal for the last two years, is now down in New Mexico where he has a lucrative position. Joe's home, however, is still in Great Bend.

Sunday School Convention.

Albion township Sunday School Convention, at Olive church, May 24, 1903.

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School, conducted by Albion Baptist Sunday School Superintendent.

1:00 A. M.—The Value of the Sunday School, lead by Rock School House, S. S. Superintendent.

12:00—Basket Dinner.

2:00 P. M.—Prayer and Song Service.

2:20 P. M.—Needed Improvements, lead by County President. Our Special needs, by a representative from each school.

3:20 P. M.—Business End of Our Work, by County Secty.

3:40 P. M.—Reports from Officers and Election.

4:00 P. M.—Last Words.

Everybody cordially invited.

The Athenian Club.

Monday, May 18th the Club met at the home of the Vice-President, Mrs. Minnie Cole.

After a business session the program was rendered as follows: Miss Susan Roberts delighted her hearers with a vocal selection and this was followed by a Piano Selection which was also greatly enjoyed.

The theme for the afternoon was Education; Leader, Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Mattie Baldwin read a very interesting paper on Co-education.

Mrs. Ida Hitchcock chose for her talk the uses of Public Libraries and so interested were her listeners, renewed efforts to make this project a reality in our own home town seemed uppermost in the mind of everyone.

This was followed by a paper by Mrs. Clarissa Morrison, City Life vs Country Life.

General discussion followed the presentation of these papers and much benefit was derived from the study of this subject.

The afternoon's work closed with a review of the club notes from the Herald which was presented by Mrs. Grace Swartz.

The Club adjourned to meet May 25, with Mrs. Anna Parker. Annual election of officers will be held at this time and a full attendance is desired.

May.

The bright May month has come again,
With joys and pleasures rare;
She holds for us within her grasp,
Glittering gems of nature fair.
She dawned in radiant beauty,
Bringing happiness, joy and mirth;
And now a level of life,
Is felt through all the earth.
Her way she courses day by day,
Breathing life to bud and flower;
Scattering sunbeams along her way,
Sending gladness every hour.
She falls in peaceful silence,
I heed her loving voice;
And cherish the music of her song,
As I live and listen and rejoice.
Each day is a round of happiness,
That comes like a pleasant dream;
Each hour brings life and blessings,
Tenderly falling like the sunlight gleam.
She gently rocks in her leafy chambers,
The birds that sit from tree to tree,
And warble forth in sweetest innocence,
Their joyous notes so light and free.
Nature in her brilliant splendor,
Comes like a ray of light;
Bringing sunshine and gladness,
Making our pathway clear and bright.
We list to the glad May month;
We list to thy loving call;
Thou hast in thy tender bosom
A secret for one and all.
Great God we thank thee for this gift,
Of Nature's joy sublime;
May we learn each day and hour,
To love thy work divine.
—A. FRANCIS SINNET.

Mrs. F. H. Miller went down to Sterling, Thursday, for a short stay.

Cast your eyes over the advertisements in the DEMOCRAT. Everyone of them contains information of value to you.

Louie Kinney and Nannie Kinney, both of Larned, came down last Friday and were married by the Probate Judge at his office.

A marriage license was issued, on the 20th, to Joseph Birzer of Ellinwood, and Miss Matilda Beren of Odin.

E. Jilg and wife, of the north part of the county, were callers at the DEMOCRAT office, Wednesday of this week.

Street Commissioner Price had the shoveling squad out, Wednesday, cleaning out the ditches and drain pipes—preparing for the rain that is coming on the 30th.

The laying of the new mains for the Water Supply Co., which has been delayed for a number of weeks on account of the excessive wet weather, is now progressing and will soon be completed, no preventing accident.

See Dawson & Zutavern's Hall In star ad.

W. P. Feder attended the G. A. R. doings, at McPherson, Wednesday.

Invitations will this week be issued for the Woodman dance the 27th.

Rev. J. C. Berger is here from Horton, Kansas, on a visit with relatives.

I. N. Wilhide is moving into his new residence on Forest avenue, this week.

F. Vernon Russell attended to cases in the Probate Court of Stafford County this week.

Harm Curry, Geo. Wilka and Tom White were down from Heizer, Thursday.

Miss Ida Callender is entertaining her cousin, Miss Evelyn Kahle of Hutchinson.

Wm. Huff and J. B. Morgan were down from Hoisington Tuesday evening to attend W. O. W. meeting.

Zack Bardwell is back from Carmen, Ok., and has taken charge of the Blue Front shop, east of the square.

Miss Ida Callender will go to Anthony, Harper county, next Sunday where she will take a position with D. T. Armstrong on the Bulletin.

Rev. A. W. Cummings, president of the Epworth League societies of this district, was here from Canton, the first of the week.

Wm. Bush has secured the contract for hauling the brick and sand for the new county jail and sheriff's residence.

Miss Lizzie Phelps, of Omaha, is here on a visit with Mrs. C. A. Hooper. Miss Phelps was formerly a teacher in the Great Bend Schools.

Joe Budig and Mrs. Julia Jarner are two Cheyenne township young people that have taken out the necessary papers for a wedding.

Clyde Moore, J. L. DeMotte, Bert Schaefer and J. E. Coss, were given the work in the W. O. W. camp Tuesday. The meeting wound up with a banquet.

Parties purchasing tickets from the children for the St. Mary's commencement exercises may have their seats reserved at Allen's by paying ten cents extra. Our people should all attend the exercises and see that the Sisters have accomplished.

THE CRESCENT man says he has got to enlarge his clerical force, as they are rushed to death nearly now, as advertising brings more trade, he says he must cut it out, until more help can be secured. Good goods and fair dealing have enlarged the Crescent's trade wonderfully.

Rev. F. P. Jolly will begin a series of two sermons to young people on next Sunday night. Next Sunday evening will speak upon the subject, "A Young Man's concept of an Ideal Young Woman." The following Sunday night will speak upon, "A Young Woman's concept of an Ideal Young Man." A special invitation extended to strangers.

The First Baptist Church of this city has had no pastor for some months; and has only had irregular preaching services. The new pastor, Rev. T. W. Chambliss, who comes from the First Baptist Church of Hamilton, Mo., is now on the field and will preach every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. This congregation has no house, but will continue to use the Lutheran house until a suitable house can be built. Mr. Chambliss comes to Great Bend from a successful field in Missouri and highly endorsed. His family arrived Wednesday from St. Louis, Mo., where they have been visiting, and they are now at home in the house built by D. H. Morgan last year. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the Baptist services.

To Whom it May Concern.

No Parsons Feeders will be sold in Barton county, except through our regular agent, The E. R. Moses Merc. Co. We want your trade but must stick to a business principle, and that is to protect our local agents, who represent us and spend their money in the canvas, also our customers, who buy our feeders. No dealer has any right to sell or make prices on our goods except The E. R. Moses Merc. Co., of Great Bend, and Hoisington, Kansas. Other dealers in Barton County trying to sell you Parsons Feeders are deceiving you, because they cannot get them, and if they did they could not guarantee them to you. J. L. BALL, Manager, For Parsons Feed Co. & Silt Feeder Co. Newton, Iowa. P. O., Hutchinson, Kans.